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the jaws to keep the teeth of the lower jaw separated from the teeth of the upper jaw, said member consisting of a U-shaped web of sufficient length to underlie all of the upper jaw and to overlie all the teeth of the lower jaw, and flanges along substantially the entire length of said web extending up and down therefrom to bear against the inner and outer sides of said jaws when the protector is in place, and a rigid tube of oval cross-section extending through said web at its mid point, said tube having a portion projecting forward from said web and a portion projecting rearward and curving downward to serve as a tongue depressor when the protector is in use.

2. A teeth protector comprising a unitary body member of soft vulcanized rubber molded to shape, said member including a U-shaped web adapted to be engaged between all the teeth of the upper jaw and all the teeth of the lower jaw, said web increasing in thickness from its midpoint to its extremities, said member also having inner and outer flanges extending up and

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down from the inner and outer margins of said U-shaped web to bear against inner and outer surfaces of the teeth and gums when the protector is in place, and a rigid tube of oval cross-section extending through said U-shaped web at its midpoint to serve as a non-collapsible air duct, said tube being open at both ends and having lateral apertures adjacent to its inner end.

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